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SUBJ: YARG CONFIRMS ABU DHABI FINANCING OF US ARMS

SALE AND JORDANIAN MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE

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1. I SAW PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISER MUHAMMAD NU'MAN  
APRIL 11 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM TUNIS CONFERENCE OF  
ARAB LEAGUE FONMINS AND VISITS TO RIYADH AND ABU DHABI.

2. NU'MAN SAID THAT IN ABU DHABI HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH  
SHAIKH ZAYID FINANCING FOR (A) US ARMS SALE AND (B)  
EXPANSION OF JORDANIAN MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM IN YEMEN. (FORMER IS A ONE-TIME TRANSACTION  
COSTING APPROXIMATELY DOLS 3 MILLION. LATTER  
WOULD INVOLVE ABOUT DOLS 2 MILLION ANNUALLY OVER  
SEVERAL YEAR PERIOD.) ZAYID HAD RECONFIRMED HIS WILLING-

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NESS TO HELP YAR IN THESE RESPECTS AND HAD REFERRED

NU'MAN TO FONMIN AHMAD SUWAYDI FOR DISCUSSION OF DETAILS.

3. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH NU'MAN, SUWAYDI HAD SAID FRANKLY THAT HE PERSONALLY OPPOSED ABU DHABI BECOMING INVOLVED IN FINANCING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN. HE FAVORED RESTRICTING ABU DHABI'S ROLE TO GENEROUS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. (QTE I WOULD SUPPORT ANYTHING REASONABLE THAT YOU REQUEST. UNQTE) HOWEVER, SHAIKH ZAYID'S WORD BINDING. SUWAYDI ASKED NU'MAN FORWARD SOONEST THE LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED FROM US, WITH PRICES AND THAT PORTION OF TRANSPORT COST WHICH ABU DHABI BEING ASKED TO FINANCE. ALSO, PARTICULARS OF JORDANIAN TRAINING PROGRAM.

4. IN ANSWER TO NU'MAN REQUEST FOR UPDATED LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN US SALE, AND FIRM COSTS, I SAID I AWARE ACTUAL LETTER OF OFFER HAD BEEN IN PREPARATION DURING MY WASHINGTON CONSULTATION IN MARCH. THIS WOULD BE BEST BASIS FOR YARG PIN DOWN ABU DHABI FINANCING. I WOULD THEREFORE ASK THAT IT BE FORWARDED BY FIRST POUCH FROM WASHINGTON.

5. NU'MAN HAD APPOINTMENT WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MY MEETING TO SEEK DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF WHAT TRAINING JORDAN PREPARED PROVIDE AT WHAT COST.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLIEST TRANSMITTAL OF FIRM US LETTER OF OFFER ON ARMS PACKAGE. AS NOTED DURING GENERAL SUMNER'S VISIT HERE, IDEALLY WE WOULD HOPE USG COULD PICK UP PART OF THE COST AS TESTAMENT, IN LATER CONVERSATIONS WITH SAG, OF OUR INTENTION APPROACH YEMEN'S SECURITY PROBLEM AS PARTNERS. CRAWFORD

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